

A HISTORIC FIRST: OUR SCHOOL LAUNCHES "CAMPUS VOICE"

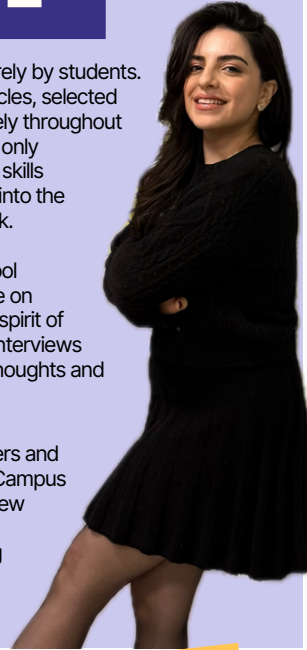
We are proud to announce the publication of Campus Voice, our school's very first and English-language newspaper. This special project was made possible thanks to the guidance and support of Ezgi Teacher and her dedicated team.



Campus Voice was created entirely by students. We researched topics, wrote articles, selected photos, and worked collaboratively throughout the process. This experience not only improved our English and writing skills but also gave us valuable insight into the world of journalism and teamwork.

In this issue, we highlighted school events, celebrations, and daily life on campus, reflecting the energetic spirit of our school. We also conducted interviews with our teachers, sharing their thoughts and experiences with our readers.

We sincerely thank all the teachers and contributors who supported us. Campus Voice marks the beginning of a new chapter where students have an active role in sharing and shaping our school's story.



SECRETS OF THE UNIVERSE CLUB AT EKIN COLLEGE



Led by Sinan Turung, the Secrets of the Universe Club offers students a fun and motivating environment where they learn physics with enthusiasm. Through simple experiments and group activities, students improve their understanding of science while building curiosity and teamwork skills.

MUSIC CLUB AT EKIN COLLEGE

In our school's music club, students play the guitar and piano. The club activities are led by Ms. Buket. Students say they both have fun and learn new things during the sessions. With regular practice, they feel they can play their instruments better and improve their sense of rhythm.

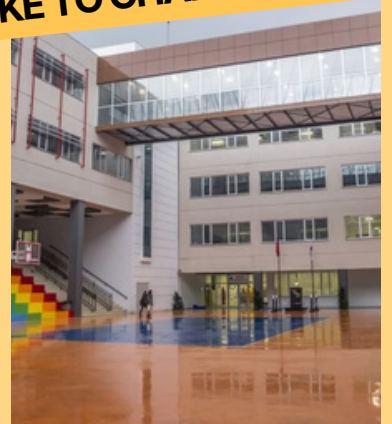
They also mention that working together has a positive effect on them, helping them get to know and support each other. Overall, the music club is seen as both educational and enjoyable.



WE ASKED: IF YOU WERE THE PRINCIPAL OF OUR SCHOOL, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHANGE FIRST?

We asked our teachers, "If you were the principal of our school, what would you change first?" and here are the responses we received:

- If I were the principal, I would first change the teaching system. To make lesson hours more efficient, I would add various activities to the daily breaks. I would support students' physical and mental development. I would create a disciplined yet fair educational system and aim to build a community of students who are moral, virtuous, know what they want, and can stand up for their own rights.
- If I were the principal, I would want school hours to end earlier. The current schedule can sometimes tire both students and teachers.
- I would ensure that more activities are organized at school. I would prioritize keeping students active and motivated.



- I would prepare small surprises for students and teachers once a month. This would make the school environment more cheerful and motivating.
- I would create areas where children can play and spend time. I would also give more importance to sports activities.
- I would like to create a usable green area or a small park for the school. It is important for students to spend time in nature.

EKIN COLLEGE STUDENTS EXPLORE ANKARA, TUZ LAKE, AND ESKİŞEHİR!

Last month, the students of Ekin College had an unforgettable trip to Tuz Lake, Ankara, and Eskişehir. The journey was filled with history, nature, art, and colorful sights!

The trip began at Tuz Lake, one of Turkey's largest salt lakes, where students enjoyed the breathtaking natural scenery.

In Ankara, the students visited Anıtkabir, the mausoleum of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, learning about the founding father of modern Turkey. They then explored the 1st Grand National Assembly of Turkey (TBMM), discovering the birthplace of Turkish democracy.



Next, the group traveled to Eskişehir, where they visited the Eskişehir Modern Art Museum to admire inspiring artworks and learn about contemporary Turkish artists. They also explored the Colorful Houses of Odunpazarı, taking photos and enjoying the lively streets. Finally, they visited Sazova Science, Art, and Culture Park, where the highlight was the Fairy Tale Castle (Masal Şatosu), a magical palace that brought stories and imagination to life.

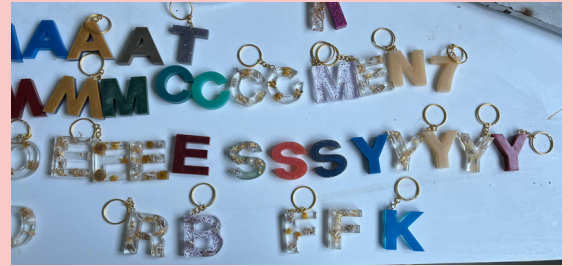
This charming city offered a perfect ending to their journey, leaving students with unforgettable memories and new knowledge about Turkish culture, history, art, and nature.

PHOTOS FROM OUR SCHOOL



CHEMISTRY CLUB AT EKIN COLLAGE

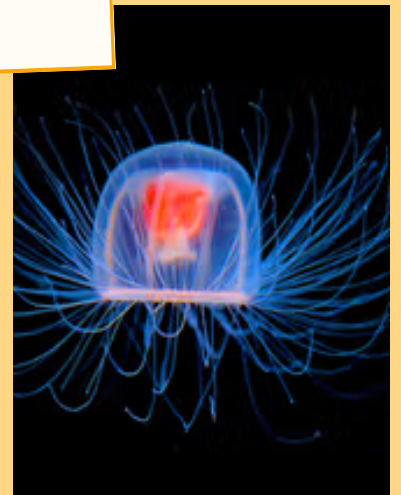
Led by Cansel Köse, the chemistry club allows students to have fun while learning about chemical materials and simple reactions. The club encourages teamwork, collaboration, and hands-on creativity. For Teachers' Day, students made handmade soaps and small keychains to give to their teachers. During the process, they experienced working in a lab and enjoyed cooperating with their friends. The students said they were very happy to present these handmade gifts to their teachers.



DO YOU KNOW?

Did you know that there is a tiny jellyfish that might live forever?

It is called *Turritopsis dohrnii*, and people call it the immortal jellyfish because of its amazing ability. This jellyfish is very small—about the size of a pea. But even though it is tiny, it has a superpower. When it gets hurt, sick, or very old, it does not die like other animals. Instead, it turns back into a baby jellyfish and starts its life all over again! It can do this many times, which means it could live forever—unless a bigger animal eats it. Scientists are very excited about the immortal jellyfish. They want to study it to understand aging and how living things can heal themselves. Maybe one day, humans can learn some secrets from this jellyfish to stay healthy longer! Even more amazing is that this jellyfish can survive in the deep sea, where it is very cold and dark. It swims slowly and quietly, but it is one of the strongest survivors in the ocean.



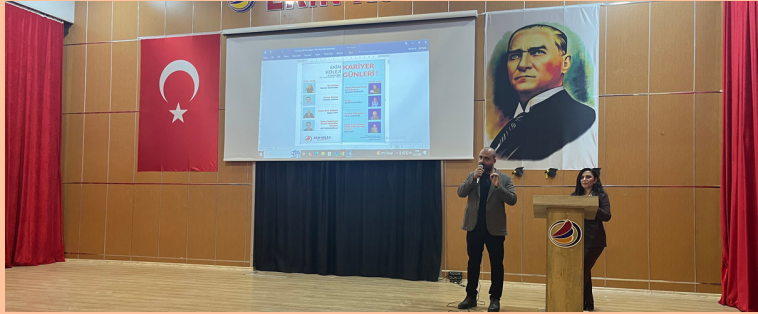
CAREER DAYS AT EKIN COLLEGE

Our school organized a comprehensive Career Day event where distinguished alumni from Ekin Educational Institutions—experts in dentistry, medicine, law, social services, architecture, pharmacy, engineering, and guidance—met with students. Each guest shared insights about their profession, discussing required education, responsibilities, challenges, and social importance.

Dentist Sevcen Esmeroğlu emphasized communication skills and precision, while Specialist Doctor Mehmet Yoğun highlighted the responsibility of working with human life. Hatay Bar Association President Hatay Tut explained the lawyer's role in protecting rights, and Social Services Director Ali Yunusoğlu spoke about empathy and community service. Architect Mustafa Özçelik described architecture as a balance of creativity and technical skill.

Guidance expert Zeki Sağ, Director of Hatay RAM and President of the Turkish PDR Association, provided valuable information on career planning, personal development, and the importance of understanding one's strengths when choosing a profession.

Through these rich presentations, students gained a clearer perspective on career paths and were encouraged to make well-informed decisions about their futures.



MIND AND INTELLIGENCE GAMES CLUB

In our school, there are dozens of different games in the Mind and Intelligence Games Room. While learning and playing these games, we have fun and at the same time develop our attention, logic, strategy, and problem-solving skills. Thanks to the Mind and Intelligence Games Club, we both enjoy ourselves and strengthen our intelligence.



WE ARE MAKING FRUIT SALAD

Our 3rd grade students are showing their skills in the kitchen in connection with the topics.

While making fruit salad in the kitchen, the students explained the food preparation process in English. This activity not only made the children happy but also contributed to their speech and fine motor development.



WE REMEMBER OUR ANCESTOR

A meaningful ceremony was held at our school to commemorate 10th November Atatürk Memorial Day. The program began at 09:05 with a moment of silence, followed by the singing of the Turkish National Anthem. Afterwards, our students recited "The Address to the Youth".

Later in the program, the choir formed by 9th and 10th grade students performed songs and marches that Atatürk loved. Throughout the event, the importance of the values of the Republic and Atatürk's contributions to our country were emphasized. Our students sincerely expressed their respect and gratitude towards Atatürk.



AFAD TEAM VISITS OUR SCHOOL

Our school hosted an important visit from AFAD (Disaster and Emergency Management Authority). The AFAD team met with our students and provided comprehensive information on how to act during earthquakes and other natural disasters. They focused especially on the correct application of the "Drop-Cover-Hold On" technique, demonstrating it with practical examples.

The team not only explained what to do during an emergency but also emphasized the safety measures to be taken before an earthquake and the essential steps to follow afterward. During the interactive discussion, they shared details about how our city recovered after past earthquakes, the relief efforts carried out, volunteer work, and coordination processes.



Students had the opportunity to ask questions directly to the AFAD experts. This informative and engaging session highlighted once again the importance of disaster awareness and social solidarity. The team pointed out that having a conscious and prepared younger generation plays a crucial role in managing possible future disasters. The visit had a strong impact on our students and significantly increased their awareness.

WE ASKED; DO YOU HAVE A HOBBY?



Amid the busy school schedule and daily routines, young people turn to activities that make them happy. We asked our students, "Do you have a hobby?" and received a variety of colorful responses.

Nehir Karataş loves singing and playing volleyball. She says these activities are fun, cool, exciting, and make her feel good.

Damla Kazar has both artistic and academic interests. Playing the guitar and reading books are her favorite activities. Damla also plays volleyball, rides her bike, and says she genuinely enjoys studying biology.

Yunus Sağ is someone who loves combining technology with action. Spending time on his phone, driving, and doing sports are among his hobbies.

Kumsal Ördek is interested in nature and water activities. She enjoys watching movies, fishing, and swimming.

Ali İnal Eskiocak loves exploring new places. Traveling with friends and shopping are his main hobbies.

Although their interests differ, our students all share one thing in common: each of them has a hobby that makes them happy. So, what about you—do you have a hobby?

FROM OUR GRADUATE STUDENT: WHAT IS PSYCHOLOGICAL VIOLENCE?

Violence can take many forms, but at its core, it means one person using power or control to hurt another. While physical violence is what people usually think of first, the most common type is actually psychological violence. It's harder to notice because it doesn't leave visible marks, and unlike physical violence, it's not always treated as a crime. Psychological violence can appear in many ways, such as belittling, bullying, stalking, controlling, or making someone doubt themselves and feel guilty.

Psychological violence in schools or among friends usually takes the form of "peer bullying." On the other hand, psychological violence can also be encountered in romantic relationships as a "type of dating violence."



The high school years — a time when we discover who we are and learn our self-worth — are especially sensitive. In this sense, psychological violence witnessed among the 15–18 age group often leads to serious consequences. Remembering that everyone is equally valuable, and being aware of how our actions can impact others, helps us avoid becoming people who cause emotional harm. At the same time, recognizing our own worth, staying away from relationships that make us feel unworthy, and understanding that controlling or stalking someone isn't a sign of love, protects us from becoming victims of psychological violence. And let's not forget: telling a teacher about peer bullying doesn't make you a snitch. It means you're brave enough to stand up for what's right. Know yourself, love yourself — love others and value them.

Ali Eren Yigit

Graduated from Ekin College in 2021

Graduated from Ankara University Faculty of Law in 2025

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE OF BEING A STUDENT TODAY?



School life is not always easy. Classes, homework, and exams take up a lot of our time, and social activities, clubs, and extra programs add even more to our schedules. So, what do students think is the biggest challenge today? According to our surveys, most students say it is exam stress.

Exams don't just measure knowledge—they also affect students' confidence. Preparing for tests and trying to get high scores can be very stressful. That's why many students believe there should be more fun and creative activities at school. Sports, arts, cultural programs, and clubs help reduce stress and make school life more balanced.

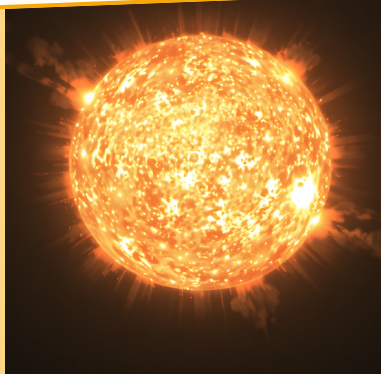
However, some students in our surveys see things differently. For them, exam stress and a busy school schedule are motivating. These challenges teach them to plan their work, set goals, and work hard to succeed. In other words, some students believe that difficulties are actually opportunities for personal growth.

It seems that being a student today comes with both stress and responsibility. Our surveys show that students experience these challenges in different ways. Perhaps the most important thing is to make room for both exams and social or fun activities, so that students can be both successful and happy.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that a single bolt of lightning is five times hotter than the surface of the Sun?

Lightning can reach temperatures of up to 30,000°C, while the Sun's surface is around 5,500°C. Even though the lightning bolt lasts for only a fraction of a second, its energy is powerful enough to light up an entire small town — if we had the technology to store it! Lightning also creates a special form of nitrogen in the air. Plants need nitrogen to grow, and lightning helps release it into the soil. In other words, every time lightning strikes, it actually helps feed the plants on Earth. Nature looks scary sometimes, but it's also incredibly smart.



DEEP QUESTIONS

1. "To truly know someone, do we need to listen to them, or try to understand them?"
2. "Is happiness a goal, or are the little moments along the way worth noticing?"
3. "Do we make our choices, or do our choices shape us?"
4. "What is true success: the admiration of others, or being at peace with ourselves?"
5. "Is it the successes that make a person strong, or the lessons they learn from their failures?"
6. "Why is feeling lonely in a crowd so common?"
7. "Does the past hold us back, or do we choose to hold on to it?"



WE MAKING GRATITUDE TREE

Hoping it would be a sweet memory for our students, we created a gratitude tree in our classroom. By providing a space for our students to reflect on the things they are grateful for in their lives, they wrote their gratitude on autumn-themed leaves using English sentences and visuals. Our students were able to express their gratitude in English in a delightful way, realizing how much they have to be grateful for in their lives.



OUR STUDENTS LEARN BY OBSERVING TECHNOLOGY

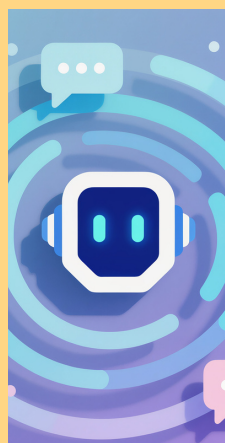
Our students continue to improve themselves with great dedication and curiosity as they prepare for the Ministry of Education's "Sumo Robot" competition using Mbot.

With every trial, every line of code, and every step of the design process, their problem-solving skills, teamwork, and creative thinking abilities grow stronger. Each technical challenge becomes a new opportunity to learn. Students try different codes, adjust their robot's movements, and make small design changes to improve speed, balance, and performance.

This journey is not only preparation for a competition — it also helps students develop a real interest in technology and gain valuable experience for the future. Working together teaches them that success comes from patience, cooperation, and creativity. Our robotics team continues their work with excitement, learning more each day.



WE ASKED OUR TEACHER: WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE CURRENT STATE OF TECHNOLOGY?



We asked our IT teacher, "What do you think about technology?"

Our teacher shared their thoughts as follows:

"Technology is developing at an incredibly fast pace. This rapid change brings great opportunities for both education and everyday life, but it also shows that we need to be careful. New tools and programs make our lives easier, helping us share information and learn more quickly. However, it is very important to use technology consciously and responsibly. Students should follow these developments and learn to interact with technology in a creative and safe way. As teachers, we aim to use technology effectively both in our teaching and to support students' personal growth."

DID YOU KNOW? THE MACHINE THAT STARTED THE DIGITAL ERA

In 1945, a groundbreaking invention changed the course of technology. The Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer (ENIAC) is considered the world's first general-purpose electronic computer. Developed by the U.S. Army during World War II, it was initially designed for artillery calculations but soon proved capable of solving more complex mathematical problems.

ENIAC was enormous, covering about 167 square meters and weighing around 27 tons. It contained over 17,000 vacuum tubes and consumed so much power that nearby lights reportedly flickered when it was operating. Despite its size, it could perform 5,000 operations per second, making it thousands of times faster than human calculation.

The development of ENIAC is seen as the beginning of the digital age. Today's compact computers and smartphones can trace their origins back to this massive machine.



TECHNOLOGY CORNER

• Major technological transformations expected by 2030

According to experts, everyday life will significantly change in the coming years with advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), quantum computers, holographic communication, and wireless energy. These developments will transform both the business world and our daily routines.

• Investments and growth in artificial intelligence (AI)

Recently, many major technology companies and investors have turned toward AI infrastructure and data centers. This indicates that the "AI era" will deepen in both the technology sector and the global economy in the near future.

• Layoffs and restructuring in the tech industry

In 2025, many companies in the tech world are undergoing restructuring and layoffs. This shows that rising AI and automation are reshaping the future of work and employment.

• Technological and industrial steps from Turkey and around the world

For example, several industrial and machinery companies are investing in areas such as green transformation and sustainable production. This demonstrates that technology is not only about software or the internet — it is closely intertwined with manufacturing, the environment, and the economy.

• Groundbreaking future visions and debates

From quantum computers to smart-city technologies, and from the Internet of Things to automation — many innovations that may enter our lives in the coming years are also bringing ethical and social debates. This outlook can inspire as well as provoke thought, especially for young people and schools.

EKIN COLLAGE FOOTBALL TEAM IN THE FIELD

Our school, Ekin College, faced Sinav College in an exciting and highly competitive football match that kept everyone on the edge of their seats from start to finish. Demonstrating remarkable teamwork, determination, and resilience, our students managed to secure a 6-5 victory after a dynamic and fast-paced game. Each player contributed with outstanding effort, showing not only technical skill but also a strong sense of unity on the court. At the end of the match, our players expressed their heartfelt gratitude to their coach for his guidance, motivation, and unwavering support throughout the preparation process. In a true display of sportsmanship, they also congratulated their opponents for their performance and wished them success in their future matches. This memorable game not only highlighted the athletic abilities of our students but also reflected the values of respect, teamwork, and fair play that Ekin College proudly upholds.



HOW CAN EXAM STRESS BE PREVENTED?: WE ASKED TEACHER ÖZEN

As part of our school newspaper, we interviewed Teacher Özen, one of our guidance counselors, about preventing exam stress and anxiety. She explained that with the right techniques, exam stress can be managed or even avoided.

Teacher Özen said the first step is identifying the main causes of stress, such as fear of failure, past negative experiences, or feeling unprepared. To cope, she recommends a healthy lifestyle with balanced nutrition, regular sleep, and a consistent study routine.

She also suggested focusing on missing topics before exams and practicing with questions and revisions to strengthen knowledge and build confidence. As she concluded, "A student who trusts

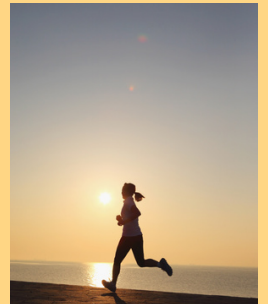


their knowledge enters the exam more calmly, which significantly reduces anxiety."

HEALTHY LIFE, HAPPY LIFE!

Healthy living is not just about exercising or eating nutritious foods; it includes all the ways to keep our bodies and minds strong. In daily life, eating a balanced diet, getting enough sleep, and staying physically active are the basic steps to maintain health. Regular exercise, going for walks, or practicing a favorite sport strengthens the heart and increases our energy.

Mental health is just as important as physical health. Learning to manage stress, thinking positively, and expressing our emotions in a healthy way help us feel better. Spending time with friends, pursuing hobbies, and enjoying nature are small but effective ways to relax and refresh the mind.



WHAT HAPPENED IN HISTORY THIS MONTH

The month of December has witnessed many important events in world history.

- December 3, 1967 – The world's first successful heart transplant was performed, marking a major breakthrough in medical science.
- December 10, 1948 – The United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, shaping modern human rights around the world.
- December 17, 1903 – The Wright Brothers achieved the first powered airplane flight, paving the way for today's aviation.
- December 14, 1911 – A human reached the South Pole for the first time, a major milestone in exploration.
- December 1, 1913 – The first electric traffic light used for passengers was introduced, influencing modern transportation systems.



WHAT IS PSYCHOLOGY?

Psychology is a branch of science that helps us understand human behavior and mental processes. For students in particular, psychology serves as an important guide in dealing with stress, anxiety, and social relationships. Recognizing and understanding our own emotions



not only enhances academic success but also protects our mental well-being. Regular breathing exercises, organized study habits, and sharing our feelings with trusted people help us feel psychologically stronger. Knowing ourselves and asking for help when needed are some of the most important steps toward a healthy youth and a happy life.

ART CORNER

At our school, students grow through painting. They use brushes and colors to express themselves, develop their imagination, and explore their creativity. Painting helps students reflect their emotions while also boosting their confidence.



REPUBLIC DAY WAS CELEBRATED WITH ENTHUSIASM IN OUR SCHOOL

The Republic Day of October 29th was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Ekin College. Throughout the day, students organized fun and meaningful activities, keeping the spirit of the holiday alive. During the program, the importance of the proclamation of the Republic was highlighted, reminding everyone of the value of freedom, equality, and independence for future generations. Students also learned that this special day marks one of the most significant steps in Turkey's modernization, and they participated in the celebrations with pride and excitement.



SOLAR SYSTEM PROJECT

The children created this solar system model using colored balls and labels. Each child helped paint a planet and place it in the right orbit. Then they made a small presentation, introducing the Sun and the planets one by one. They practiced speaking English while showing their project. It was a fun and educational activity.



MESSAGES TO OUR NEWSPAPER

MESSAGES FROM OUR TEACHERS TO STUDENTS

We asked our teachers what their message was to the students, and their answers were as follows:

- "Work hard; your future starts with what you do today."
- "Keep learning. Curiosity will take you far."
- "Don't give up. Small steps lead to big results."
- "Ask questions. It's the best way to grow."
- "Believe in yourself. You can do more than you think."
- "Stay focused. Every effort counts."
- "Challenges make you stronger, not weaker."
- "Keep trying. Progress is better than perfection."
- "Your potential is real. Trust it."
- "Be consistent. Success follows those who show up every day."



- As Ekin College's first newspaper, I would like to thank all the teachers and students who contributed to its preparation. I eagerly await the publication of this newspaper, which has been prepared with great effort.
- I see this newspaper improving students' communication skills. There's a lot of effort and dedication involved.
- This newspaper is a valuable project where our students can express themselves and share their ideas freely.

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CLAUSE

A man goes to a job interview at a big company. The interview is on the 30th floor. He gets into the elevator with the manager.

To look confident, he says:

— "You know, I'm not just good at my job... I work well under pressure."

The elevator suddenly stops between floors.

The manager looks at him:

— "Perfect. Fix it."

The man, panicking:

— "...I meant emotional pressure."



WE ASKED THE STUDENTS: WHO IS THE TEACHER YOU BENEFITED MOST FROM?

HIGH SCHOOL



ALI TARSUSLU



SELIM MULLUOGLU



EZGI SUNER

MIDDLE SCHOOL



EZGI SUNER

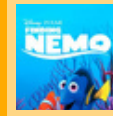


SERCIN BEREKETOGU



CEMILATES

ENGLISH SONGS, BOOKS AND MOVIES FROM OUR TEAM'S SELECTION



(The movie)

Finding Nemo

Animation / Adventure



(The movie)

Paddington

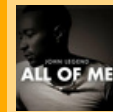
Family / Comedy



(The song)

Moonlight

XXXTENTACION



(The song)

All of me

John Legend



(The book)

Harry Potter

Fantasy / Adventure
J.K. Rowling



(The book)

Alice in Wonderland

Fantasy / Adventure
Lewis Carroll

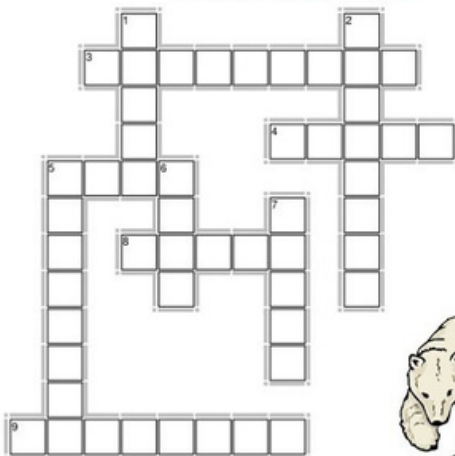
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1. Freedom
2. Courage
3. Happiness
4. Friendship
5. Creativity
6. Knowledge
7. Curiosity
8. Imagination
9. Honesty
10. Justice
11. Peace
12. Inspiration
13. Love

14. Wisdom
15. Adventure
16. Hope
17. Music
18. Technology
19. Science
20. Nature
21. Dream
22. Art
23. Passion
24. Responsibility
25. Galaxy

CARTOON FROM OUR STUDENTS

Animals Crossword ★



Word List

Camel
Cobra
Elephant
Kangaroo
Koala
Lion
Polar bear
Seal
Squirrel
Tiger



Across

3. This huge creature lives in the polar region (9)
4. A member of the large cat family with stripes (5)
5. Rhymes with meal (4)
8. Very cuddly Australian animal, not a bear (5)
9. Lives in both Africa and Asia and has a long trunk (8)

Down

1. Both the name of a snake and a car (5)
2. An Australian icon which hops (8)
5. Has a long tail and collects and stores nuts (8)
6. An African animal which lives in a pride (4)
7. This can have one hump or two (5)



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Sema Avcı
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